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Transportation Update

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MTC Adopts Funding Splits for the Regional Transportation Plan Update – T 2030

MTC estimates that roughly \$108 billion will be available over the next 25 years to operate, maintain and improve the Bay Area's transportation system. Of that, nearly \$86 billion is committed to operating and maintaining the existing system. Despite this large commitment to maintenance, shortfalls still exist. Another \$13 billion is committed to projects now in progress. Slightly less than \$9 billion is uncommitted and available to deal with maintenance shortfalls, congestion relief and mobility needs.

At its December meeting, the MTC adopted an approach to addressing the competing needs of maintaining the existing system and providing congestion relief and mobility improvements. MTC would add \$2.33 billion for maintenance of the existing system to the \$86 billion already committed. About \$4.85 billion would be devoted to congestion relief and mobility improvements. Just over \$1.6 billion would be used for regional programs such as Rides, TransLink, clean air programs, the Transportation for Livable Communities initiative, expanded lifeline transportation and a new regional bicycle/pedestrian program.

Work now shifts to the counties to develop priorities for the \$4.85 billion devoted to congestion relief and mobility. Alameda County's share of this funding is roughly \$560 million plus a share of the \$1.3 billion expected to come to the region from the State's interregional transportation improvement program over the next 25 years. The CMA will be discussing Alameda County priorities in the context of

the update of its long-range plan and holding public workshops through spring of 2004.

CMA Adopts Funding for Transit Related Projects

At its December meeting, the CMA adopted its discretionary program for the funds distributed through the Air District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air.

Projects funded are:

- A transit priority system for AC Transit on one of its lines
- The Guaranteed Ride Home Program
- City Carshare's East Bay expansion
- An Altamont Commuter Express shuttle bus in Pleasanton

Project funding totals about \$940,000.

CMA Adopts Draft 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program Submittal

At the December Board meeting, the CMA adopted a draft program of projects for the 2004 STIP. No new projects have been added to the STIP, and existing STIP projects have been stretched over a longer time period. The economy, borrowing by the State's general fund, suspension of Proposition 42, ethanol impacts on gas tax receipts, and other events have combined to reduce funding for transportation investment. This draft program may need modifications following the release of the Governor's proposed 2004-05 budget in early January 2004. If further suspensions of Proposition 42 are proposed, projects will need to be removed from the STIP. Suspension of Proposition 42 in the next fiscal year would require removing 10% to 15% of the projects in the CMA's STIP program or a total of about \$15 to \$22 million. The CMA's exchange program

has provided some local funding that will help cushion some of these cuts, should they be necessary. Copies of the draft program can be obtained at the CMA offices or on the CMA's web site. A final STIP recommendation will be submitted to MTC on January 29th.

2003 Congestion Management Program Released for Comment

The draft 2003 CMP has been released for public comment. The final CMP is scheduled for action at the January 29th Board meeting. Copies of the document are available at the CMA offices, in libraries and on the CMA's web site.

2003 Transportation Performance Report Approved

The CMA Board has approved the 2002-03 Performance Report, "State of Transportation in Alameda County." The report includes data on the roadway system -- level of service, average speed/travel time, congestion levels, duration of congestion, maintenance, and accidents; and on the transit system -- routing, frequency, coordination, ridership and maintenance. The report should be available in early 2004 following printing.

CMA Adopts 2004 Legislative Program

At its December meeting, the CMA adopted its 2004 Legislative Program. Given the State's fiscal crisis, the program focuses on protecting existing transportation funding and supporting Regional Measure 2 that will provide transportation funding through a toll increase. The program also sets objectives for the reauthorization of the federal transportation program.

CMA Schedules Retreat

The CMA Board has scheduled its annual retreat for Saturday, February 7, 2004 at the Waterfront Hotel in Oakland. The topic will be transportation funding in tight fiscal times.

Deadlines to Note

2004 Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) & 2005 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

<i>Draft CWTP</i>	<i>April 2004</i>
<i>Final CWTP</i>	<i>May 2004</i>
<i>Draft RTP</i>	<i>December 2004</i>
<i>Final RTP</i>	<i>January 2005</i>

Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA): Program Manager Funds – Guarantee Program

Approximately \$1.27 million is available.

<i>Project Submittals Due to CMA</i>	<i>January 2004</i>
<i>Draft Program</i>	<i>March 2004</i>
<i>Final Program</i>	<i>April 2004</i>

2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

<i>Final CMA Program to MTC</i>	<i>January 29, 2004</i>
<i>MTC Program to CTC</i>	<i>March 22, 2004</i>
<i>CTC Adopts 2004 STIP</i>	<i>August 5, 2004</i>

Upcoming Meetings

<i>January</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>CMA Technical Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>12</i>	<i>CMA Administration & Legislation Committee</i>
	<i>12</i>	<i>CMA Plans & Programs Committee</i>
	<i>21/22</i>	<i>CTC (Sacramento)</i>
	<i>29</i>	<i>CMA Board Meeting</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>CMA Technical Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>7</i>	<i>CMA Board Retreat</i>
	<i>9</i>	<i>CMA Administration & Legislation Committee</i>
	<i>9</i>	<i>CMA Plans & Programs Committee</i>
	<i>25/26</i>	<i>CTC (Sacramento)</i>
	<i>26</i>	<i>CMA Board Meeting</i>

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